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Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I
Venue and dates of the twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [to be completed]

Draft decision II
Provisional agenda for the twelfth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues [to be completed]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

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Recommendations of the Permanent Forum [to be completed]

Chapter II
Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

4. By its decision 2011/267, the Economic and Social Council decided that the eleventh session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 18 May 2012.

5. At its 2nd to 5th, 7th and 8th meetings, on 7 to 9, 10 and 11 May 2012, the Permanent Forum considered, under agenda item 3, "Discussion on the special theme for the year: 'The Doctrine of Discovery: its enduring impact on indigenous peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (articles 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples)'". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it the documents entitled "Study on the impacts of land use change and climate change on indigenous reindeer herders' livelihoods and land management, including culturally adjusted criteria for indigenous land uses" (E/C.19/2012/4), "Combating violence against indigenous women and girls: article 22 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" (E/C.19/2012/6) and "Indigenous participatory mechanisms in the Arctic Council, the Circumpolar Inuit Declaration on Resource Development Principles in Inuit Nunaat and the Laponia management system" (E/CN.9/2012/10). At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May 2012, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 11th and 12th meetings, on 15 May, the Forum considered agenda item 4, "Human rights: (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples and the Chair of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the secretariat entitled "Information from Member States" (E/C.19/2012/12). At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

7. At its 6th meeting, on 10 May, the Forum considered agenda item 5, "Comprehensive dialogue with United Nations agencies and funds", during which there was a dialogue with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note submitted by the secretariat of WIPO (E/C.19/2012/5), a note by the Forum secretariat (E/C.19/2012/9) and the report of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Peoples' Issues on its 2011 annual meeting (E/C.19/2012/11). At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 9th meeting, on 14 May, the Forum considered agenda item 6, "Half-day discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples to food and food sovereignty". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 6 (see chap. I, sect. B).

9. At its 8th meeting, on 11 May, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 8, "Half-day discussion on Central and Eastern Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia and Transcaucasia". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the

Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 13th meeting, on 17 May, the Forum considered agenda item 9, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues". For its consideration of the item, the Forum had before it a note by the secretariat entitled "Ongoing priorities and themes" (E/C.19/2012/2) and documents entitled "Analysis of the duty of the State to protect indigenous peoples affected by transnational corporations and other business enterprises" (E/C.19/2012/3), "Implementation of the recommendations of the Permanent Forum" (E/C.19/2012/7) and "Study on shifting cultivation and the socio-cultural integrity of indigenous peoples" (E/C.19/2012/8). At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision and its recommendations submitted under agenda item 9 (see chap. I, sects. A and B).

11. At its 14th meeting, on 17 May, the Forum considered agenda item 10, "Draft agenda for the twelfth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Forum considered and adopted a draft decision submitted under agenda item 10 (see chap. I, sect. A).

High-level event to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

12. On 17 May 2012, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 66/142, the Secretary-General convened a high-level event to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. [To be completed.]

Chapter III
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eleventh session

13. At the 15th and 16th meetings, on 18 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations and the draft report of the Permanent Forum on its eleventh session.

14. At its 16th meeting, on 18 May, the Permanent Forum adopted its draft report.

Chapter IV
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

15. The Permanent Forum held its eleventh session at United Nations Headquarters from 7 to 18 May 2012. It held 16 formal meetings and 3 closed meetings to consider the items on its agenda.

16. At the 1st meeting, on 7 May, the session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

17. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, the Chair of the Permanent Forum and the Minister of Communication in Charge of Relations with the Parliament of the Congo. Ceremonial prayers were recited by Mayan elders, Virginia Ajxup and Juan Sapil.

B. Attendance

18. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, intergovernmental organizations and bodies, United Nations entities, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document E/C.19/2012/INF/1.

C. Election of officers

19. At its 1st meeting, on 7 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chair:
Edward **John**

Vice-Chairs:
Anna **Naykanchina**
Valmaine **Toki**
Alvaro **Pop**
Simon **M'Vibodoulou**

Rapporteur:
Megan **Davis**

D. Agenda

20. At its 1st meeting, on 7 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2012/1.

E. Documentation

21. A list of the documents before the Forum at its eleventh session is contained in document E/C.19/2012/INF/2.